Walt Disney World News

Birds Receive Emergency Funding from Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund

Thanks to the support of guests and Disney's Friends for Change, the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund is able to aid the efforts of the World Parrot Trust, Foundation for Antarctic Research, and International Bird Rescue to care for birds in need.

World Parrot Trust (WPT)

Bonaire, Caribbean Islands

In July, WPT received 112 yellow-shouldered Amazon parrots and brown-throated parakeets from local police after the birds were illegally caught from the wild and destined for international parrot trade. DWCF funding will provide WPT with temporary holding facilities, veterinary care, chick and adult parrot food, and transportation costs for the birds to ensure they are in good health before returning to the wild.

Foundation for Antarctic Research (FAR)

Tristan da Cunha Archipelago, British Territory, South Atlantic Ocean

In response to an oil spill off the coast of Tristan da Cunha Archipelago, FAR used DWCF funding to purchase Daily Diary tags to track the movements of Northern Rockhopper Penguins and monitor effects on penguin populations. This tracking technology will provide researchers with details about penguin behavior, survival and breeding.

International Bird Rescue (IBR)

San Francisco, California, USA

IBR is using DWCF emergency funding to care for and rehabilitate an unusually high number of injured brown pelicans this year. Although brown pelicans were removed from the endangered species list in 2009, the birds continue to face challenges largely due to human impacts. Incorrect disposal of fishing lines, hooks and tackle are all contributing factors.

DWCF and The Walt Disney Company Foundation have contributed more than $5.7 million to bird conservation efforts since 1995.